

Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas time...when we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The above scripture reference is Matthew's record of the birth of Jesus. In verses 20-21, we read the words of an angel of the Lord spoken to Joseph in a dream.

“...she will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name
Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

You may be thinking, is there a connection between the Christmas Story and church planting. The answer is yes, there is a connection. Church planting was born when Jesus was born. The Christmas Story brings us thoughts of the Baby Jesus, the Shepherds, a star, and the wise men. It also should remind us of people who need saving (a savior) and therefore, Churches that need planting.

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The Hebrew name of Jesus means Savior. When we speak his name, Jesus, we acknowledge mankind's need for a savior. When the gospel is preached in a new church plant, people could be hearing for the first time that they need a Savior (Jesus).

Church planting is, by far, the best way to reach people who have never heard the gospel message of Jesus! Every new Church plant is a fulfillment of the mission of Jesus as spoken by Jesus.

“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name
of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them
to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you
always, even to the end of the age.” Matt 28:19-20

Thanks to each of you for your commitment to Church planting. We would not be able to plant churches were it not for your prayers for us, and your financial support of Church planting.

A very Merry Christmas to you and your family and loved ones. And the best for each of you in 2018.

God's blessing to you,

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